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NEW SCHEMES DURING TENTH PLAN
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the progress in implementing plan programmes in the first two years of the 10th Five Year Plan was slow according to the mid-term appraisal of the 10th Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there was inordinate delay in starting new schemes meant to impart specific thrust to the Tenth Plan strategy;

(d) if so, the names of such scheme which were to be implemented during the Tenth Plan period;

(e) the details of the new schemes that have already been implemented; and

(f) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred on these schemes during the first two years of the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) & (b): As per the Mid Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan, the progress of projects/ Schemes/programmes as measured by the outlay indicates that the Central Sector Plan (including PSU plan) for the first three years of the Tenth Plan are estimated to be 44.2 per cent of the total plan as against a normal expectation of 54 per cent. The probable reasons reported for slow progress include delays in acquisition of land, completion of civil work, supplies of equipments, obtaining environment and forest clearances, obtaining investment approval by competent authorities and law and order problem in certain states for the plan schemes/projects/ programmes relating to Infrastructure sectors such as power, roads, railways and mines etc. while for social sector schemes such reasons include non receipt/ late receipt of the proposals from the State Government as well as utilization certificate, delays in releasing matching share by State Government, and in arranging minimum institutional arrangements for implementing the schemes and in undertaking household and other surveys for identifying beneficiaries etc.

(c) & (d) : During the periodical review of the performance of Plan Schemes/ programmes by the Planning Commission it has been observed that in case of some of new Plan Schemes/programmes envisaged in Tenth Five Year Plan including National Mission on Horticulture, National Mission on Bamboo Technology and Trade Development, Micro Irrigation, Development of Market Infrastructure Grading and Standardization, Support of State Extension Programme, Mass Media Support to Agriculture Extension, Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production, Venture Capital Fund for Dairying/ Poultry, National Project on Organic Farming, Transgenic and Genetically Modified Crops in Agriculture Sector; Technology Upgradation and Modernization Scheme in Industrial Sector; Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya in Education; National Nutrition Mission for Women & Children; National Urban Information System, Pooled Finance Development Scheme, City Challenge Fund in Urban Sector; Upgradation of 100 existing ITIs into Centre of Excellence, Testing and Certification of Skills acquired through Non Formal Means in Labour and Employment Sector, delay has been reported in implementation.

(e) & (f) : The responsibility of formulation, obtaining investment approvals and other clearances from competent authorities and implementation of new schemes vests with the concerned Ministry/Department. The details of the new schemes to be implemented in a financial year alongwith the provision of funds are available in the `Statement showing details of New Service/ New Instrument of Service` for that year published in the Demands for Grants of Central Government presented alongwith the Union Budget and also in detailed Demands for Grants of the concerned Ministry/ Department. As the utilization of a Plan allocation under a new scheme is linked with the formulation of plan programmes/ schemes/ projects, investment approval by the Competent Authority and their actual implementation by the concerned Ministry/ Department, the actual expenditure incurred on these schemes are available in the detailed Demands for Grants of the respective Ministry/ Department of the subsequent years.